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28-03-2026
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CARLOS SAINZ LEADS F1 DRIVERS' CALL FOR SAFETY CHANGES AFTER OLIVER BEARMAN'S JAPANESE GP CRASH



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414 LPG CYLINDERS DUMPED IN HYDERABAD GRAVEYARD SEIZED, 10 HELD



Hyderabad (TSIT): Amid the ongoing shortage of LPG due to the Gulf war, Hyderabad Police on Monday busted an illegal LPG cylinder hoarding racket with the arrest of 10 persons and seizure of 414 cylinders hidden in a graveyard. Hyderabad Commissioner's Task Force, along with Banjara Hills Police, busted the racket. According to Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar, the accused were found illegally hoarding 414 LPG cylinders at a graveyard in Banjara Hills to sell them at inflated prices for wrongful gain. Total properties worth Rs 21.88 lakh, including 11 transport vehicles, have been seized from their possession. "We are committed to ensuring public safety and will take stern action against anyone involved in illegal hoarding and black marketing," the Commissioner posted on X. Earlier, Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Commissioner's Task Force, announced the busting of the racket at a press conference. The accused had illegally dumped HP cylinders at a graveyard near Nagarjuna X Road, Banjara Hills, and were selling the same to needy customers on high rate.

BRS MLA'S ALLEGED UNRULY BEHAVIOUR REFERRED TO ETHICS COMMITTEE

Hyderabad, March 29 : Telangana Assembly Speaker on Sunday referred to the Ethics Committee the incident of alleged unruly behaviour of opposition BRS MLA P. Kaushik Reddy in the House. After legislative affairs minister D. Sridhar Babu moved a resolution to refer the alleged unethical behaviour of Kaushik Reddy against senior member Kadiyam Srihari to the Ethics Committee, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar announced passing of the resolution by a voice vote. Earlier, members of the ruling Congress party accused Kaushik Reddy of insulting Srihari, a Dalit leader. They denounced certain remarks made by the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA and his body language while referring to Srihari. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy also condemned the behaviour of Kaushik Reddy and suggested that the matter be referred to the Ethics Committee for appropriate action against him. Kadiyam Srihari, a former Deputy Chief Minister, is one of the 10 BRS MLAs who allegedly defected to the Congress Party in 2024. However, the Speaker has dismissed petitions by the BRS to disqualify the MLAs. CM Revanth Reddy stated that Kadiyam Srihari is a leader of stature equal to that of the BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao. Stating that no one in this country can ever cast doubt upon the honesty and commitment of Srihari, the Chief Minister said that insulting the senior leader in the House is unwarranted. The BRS members were also humiliating the Speaker by stalling the House continuously. The Chief Minister accused KCR of betraying Dalits by going back on his promise to make a Dalit the first Chief Minister of Telangana. He said that KCR deceived the entire Dalit community by assuming the office of chief minister. He also stated that during the second term, the then CM KCR revoked the post of Deputy Chief Minister and thus humiliated the entire Dalit community in the state.

CM Chandrababu Launches Housewarming of 2.5 Lac Houses

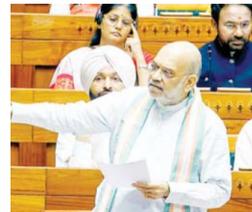
NAIDUPETA (TSIT):- In a massive statewide initiative, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu today launched the housewarming ceremony for 2,50,893 houses across the state, personally participating in the event at Naidupeta in Sullurupeta constituency of Tirupati district. The houses, constructed under the TIDCO and PMAY schemes, were handed over to beneficiaries simultaneously at over 30 locations. Adopting a housing-first approach, the Chief Minister emphasized the government's commitment to providing shelter to the homeless. He announced that an additional 4.5 lakh houses will be constructed and handed over to the poor by the end of this year, with subsequent housewarming ceremonies planned for June and September. Speaking on the occasion,



Chandrababu Naidu stated that within 21 months, the coalition government has completed and delivered 5.5 lakh houses. In Tirupati district alone, 15,659 houses were completed and distributed. The Chief Minister inspected the G+3 housing complexes at Pudururu near Naidupeta, which are equipped with modern amenities including parks, walking tracks, wide roads, anganwadis, and schools. He participated in housewarming ceremonies with beneficiaries, taking part in traditional Hindu rituals and also visiting Muslim households, symbolizing communal harmony.

India Naxal-free, Maoist leadership decimated: HM Amit Shah

New Delhi, March 30 : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday declared in the Lok Sabha that India has virtually become Naxal-free, with the dreaded Maoist central and state leadership structures almost completely eliminated just a day before the government's self-imposed deadline of March 31, 2026. Addressing a debate on Naxalism, HM Shah provided a detailed account of the massive success achieved under the Modi government's zero-tolerance policy. He stated that the Maoists' central committee leadership has been neutralised or forced to surrender. Out of the top leadership, 12 have been killed, and only one is absconding, with talks underway for his surrender as well. In the state committees, the picture is equally decisive. The main 27-member state committee in one key affected state was wiped out — 11 killed, with talks initiated with two others. In Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh, three



members of the state committee surrendered, leaving only three. In Odisha, one surrendered, and three were killed. In Telangana, three were eliminated, leaving no member of the State Military Commission (SMC) intact anywhere. HM Shah revealed impressive overall figures: In the last three years, 4,839 Maoists have surrendered, 2,218 have been arrested, and 706 have been neutralised in encounters. He emphasised that the government has consistently offered dialogue and rehabilitation to those willing to lay down arms, but those who continue to fire on security forces, tribals, farmers and children will be dealt with firmly through bullets when necessary.

Trump warns Iran on Hormuz, power grid if deal is not reached



Washington (TSIT) : US President Donald Trump on Monday warned that the United States could strike Iran's key energy infrastructure if a deal is not reached soon and the Strait of Hormuz is not reopened, even as he said talks were making progress. Trump said the United States is in "serious discussions" with what he described as a "new, and more reasonable, regime" in Iran to end ongoing military operations. "Great progress has been made," he said, adding that a deal would "probably" be reached shortly. However, he issued a strong warning if negotiations fail. "If for any reason a deal is not shortly reached... and if the Hormuz Strait is not immediately 'Open for Business,' we will... completely obliterating all of their Electric Generating Plants, Oil Wells and Kharg Island," Trump said.

Iran rejects US proposed truce plan as 'very excessive, unrealistic'

Tehran, March 30 : The recent truce plan proposed by the United States contains "very excessive, unrealistic and unreasonable" demands, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei said on Monday. The spokesman made the remarks at a press conference in Tehran while elaborating on the US-proposed 15-point plan delivered to Iran via intermediaries to end the ongoing



conflict in the Middle East. Unlike the United States, "which constantly changes its positions, and whose officials make and demon-

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strate contradictory remarks and behaviours", Iran's stance towards relevant issues has been completely clear from the begin-

ning, Baghaei said, Xinhua News Agency reported. "We know very well what our desired framework is. As I mentioned earlier, the materials that have been conveyed to us under various titles, such as the '15-point plan' mainly include very excessive, unrealistic, and unreasonable demands." Baghaei stressed that "up to this moment, we have had no direct negotiation with the United States." He noted that since the last round of negotiations with the United States in Geneva on February 26, Iran has received messages through certain intermediaries, including Pakistan.

RBI injects Rs 84,582 crore into banking system

Mumbai (TSIT): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday injected Rs 84,582 crore into the banking system to enhance liquidity through two variable rate repo (VRR) auctions. The central bank injected Rs 50,001 crore through the first three-day VRR auction early in the day at a cut-off rate of 5.34 per cent and weighted average rate of 5.44 per cent, according to an RBI state-



ment. The RBI injected another Rs 34,581 crore at 5.26 per cent cut-off and 5.30 per cent weighted average rate at an auction later during the day. In the first auction, the central bank received bids of Rs 57,287 crore as against the notified amount of Rs 50,000 crore and accepted bids worth Rs 50,001 crore. However, for the second auction, the bids received were lower than the notified amount.

CM Revanth highlights farmer welfare, food security & rice distribution reforms

Focus on MSP, Anti-Hoarding Measures, and Expansion of Fine Rice Scheme

HYDERABAD (TSIT) Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, during an informal interaction, emphasized that while producers in most sectors have the power to decide prices, farmers alone are deprived of this right. He noted that middlemen often exploit farmers by taking advantage of their vulnerabilities. The Chief Minister said that to safeguard farmers' interests, the Congress party had introduced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system in the country. He further stressed that illegal hoarding of essential commodities is a grave offence, stating that those who profit from people's hunger must be dealt with strictly. Tracing the evolution of food security measures, CM Revanth Reddy recalled that the subsidised rice scheme was first introduced during the tenure of former Chief Minister M. Vijayabhaskar Reddy under the Congress government. Though it did not initially reach the masses effectively, it was later expanded and popularised by former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao, receiving widespread public support. He observed that for nearly four decades, coarse rice was distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS). However, due to low consumption of coarse rice, a



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black-market network emerged to convert it into fine rice. Recognising that coarse rice was not benefiting the poor effectively, the government decided to introduce the distribution of fine rice (sanna biyyam). "To ensure better nutrition and acceptability, we launched the fine rice distribution scheme for the poor," the Chief Minister said. To support this transition, farmers are being encouraged to cultivate fine

varieties of paddy with a bonus of Rs.500 per quintal. He revealed that nearly 3.39 crore people—about 86% of Telangana's population—are currently benefiting from the fine rice scheme, with the coverage expected to reach 90% in the future. The Chief Minister added that ration cards have been issued to all eligible beneficiaries, ensuring that both farmers and the poor are supported—farmers through better returns and citizens through food security. He noted that black-market activities have significantly reduced due to the fine rice distribution system, made possible through continuous monitoring by the Civil Supplies Department and its staff. Marking one year of implementation of the scheme, the

Chief Minister informed that the progress was shared with MLAs and MLCs in the Assembly. Looking ahead, CM Revanth Reddy stated that the government's next priority is to ensure quality education and nutritious food for students. He emphasised the need to promote crop diversification, encouraging farmers to shift towards commercial crops alongside paddy. He clarified that while the government will create awareness on crop diversification, it will not impose any pressure on farmers. The Chief Minister also announced that a robust regulatory system would be introduced to curb food adulteration, similar to enforcement models like "Eagle" and "Hydra." He said the government would study existing laws across the country to establish a strong and effective mechanism.

Rahul flags economic crisis, blames PM Modi for "surrendering India's future"

New Delhi (TSIT) Congress leader Rahul Gandhi warned on Monday that India is facing a severe economic crisis, citing a collapsing rupee, crashing stock markets, falling incomes, job losses, wiped-out savings, and shortages of essential commodities. Taking to platform X, Gandhi, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, said: "The rupee has fallen from Rs 95 to Rs 100, stocks are crashing, jobs are gone, incomes are falling, and people's savings have been wiped out. Even cooking gas cylinders are unavailable." Gandhi further wrote: "This is the result of a compromised leadership. PM Modi is desperate to protect himself and his financial structure, but 140 crore Indians know the truth—he has surrendered India's future." Gandhi's comments come amid growing concern over inflation, currency depreciation, and market volatility. Economists say a weakening rupee increases import costs and pressures businesses, while declining stock markets reduce investor confidence. "Every citizen is feeling the pinch," Gandhi added. "Families are struggling to make ends meet while the government seems more focused on its own interests than on the welfare of the people." He also highlighted shortages of essential items, including cooking gas cylinders, as evi-



dence of policy failures. "Every citizen is feeling the pinch," Gandhi added. "Families are struggling to make ends meet while the government seems more focused on its own interests than on the welfare of the people."

Analysts note that supply chain disruptions, global energy price rises, and domestic regulatory challenges have contributed to sporadic shortages. The statements have intensified the political debate over the government's economic management, with critics pointing to unemployment, inflation, and currency weakness as key issues.

The census program should be conducted effectively. Director of Census Bharati Holikeri

Mahabubabad Reporter (March 30) The census program should be conducted effectively. Director of Census Bharati Holikeri held a review meeting with Hyderabad on Monday with the collectors and district census officers of all districts on the census, house enumeration processes, map preparation, appointment of enumerators and supervisors. During the video conference, she gave instructions to the collectors on issues such as advance arrangements to be taken at the district level, staff training, and data collection procedures. She said that as part of the census program, the house enumeration process should be conducted properly, there should be



awareness about the process management and use of technology, and the enumeration should be carried out using technology in accordance with government guidelines.

She said that the officials should work hard to resolve any technical issues that arise in the management of the app immediately and ensure that the process runs smoothly. She said that the appointment of enumerators and supervisors should be taken mandal-wise. District Collector Sneha Shabarish participated in this video conference from the IDOC office along with Revenue Additional Collector K. Anil Kumar. She said that necessary steps will be taken to ensure the success of the census program within the district. He said that a training program has already been organized. CPO Srinivasa Rao and others participated in this video conference.

Telangana on Track for \$3 Trillion Economy by 2047 Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

Hyderabad TSIT: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday asserted that Telangana is steadily progressing towards becoming a \$3 trillion economy by 2047, backed by strong growth, strategic planning, and welfare-focused governance. Speaking on the Appropriation Bill (Part-2),

he said the State has achieved a 10.7% growth rate, surpassing the national average of 8%, while per capita income has also increased significantly under the present government. Highlighting Hyderabad's global appeal, the Deputy CM said the city continues to attract invest-

ments due to its skilled workforce and robust infrastructure. He added that the government is moving forward systematically under the "Cure, Pure, Rare" framework to enhance GDP and overall development. Bhatti Vikramarka said the government is promoting startups and innovation.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMovable PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd ("MAHOFIN") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest ("SARFAESI") Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Actual possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said "Act" read with rule 9 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Manappuram Home Finance Ltd as mentioned below for each of the respective properties:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower/Loan Account Number/ Branch	Description of Secured Asset as Reported by Borrower/Actual Possession	Date of Demand Notice Issued	Date of Possession
1	Nangolla Pullamma, Nangolla Ramudu & Lachigalla Ganesh Babu, (MHL0030001343)/ Kadappa	RCC House Having D No. 2/154 With Site Situated At Ysr Kadapa District, Duvvur Mandal, Chirina Singanapalle Grama Panchayath, Gollapalle Village In Ward No.2 Gollapalle Ln. Sy. No. 166 Pyki An Extent Ac.0.02 Cents 479 Links or 120 Sq yards, Andhra Pradesh - 516175	16-07-2025 & Rs.518342/-	24-03-2026
2	Seethanagari Subhashini, Seethanagari Gurappa & Kuntumalla Sheshaiah, (MHL0030001519)/ Kadappa	Total Extents - 147.62 SQ Yards, Rcc House Having, Sy. No. 49/3A1, Pyki Ac. 0.03-057 Cents; Ward No.4, Door No. 4/208, Situated At: Mylavaram Village, Mylavaram Grama Panchayath, Mylavaram Mandal, Ysr Kadapa District, Mylavaram, P.O. Mylavaram, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh, Pin: 516439	19-11-2024 & Rs.544096/-	23-03-2026

Date: 31st March 2026 | Place: KADAPPA | Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd

PVR Techno School Honored for Rugby Championship Win

VANAPARTHY, March 30, 2026 - PVR Techno School celebrated a proud moment today as Sri Padala Vishnu Murthy visited the campus to felicitate the students who emerged as winners in the Telangana Mini Sub-Junior Inter School Rugby Tournament held yesterday in Hyderabad.



He congratulated the students for their outstanding performance and encouraged them to continue their efforts in sports and aim for higher achievements. The young champions were also appreciated by the school management, teachers, fellow students, and parents for bringing laurels to the institution. Notably, the students achieved this feat with just one to two days of training, reaching the state level and emerging as champions.

With regular practice and dedication, they are expected to achieve greater milestones in the near future. Correspondent Mr. Venkat Reddy stated that if the students continue practicing with commitment, they may get opportunities to represent at higher levels, including the Olympic Games, aligning with the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. He also encouraged other students to take inspiration from this achievement and work hard in their areas of interest, especially in sports, to reach greater heights. The visit and appreciation program motivated the students and created enthusiasm among all learners to actively participate in sports and co-curricular activities. The school management expressed gratitude to Sri Padala Vishnu Murthy for his valuable encouragement.

INVENT ASSETS SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
REGD OFFICE: Bakhtwar, Suite 'B', Ground Floor, Backbay Reclamation Scheme Block III, 229, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021.

POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE 8(1)] (FOR IMMovable PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as "INVENT") by ALTUM vide registered Assignment Agreement dated 29.12.2025 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued a Demand Notice to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table below, calling upon them to repay the amount within the stipulated period.

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) having failed to repay the dues within the prescribed time, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the secured asset(s) under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on the date mentioned in the table below.

The Borrower(s)/Secured Debtor(s) and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the secured asset(s), and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of INVENT for the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice. The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s).

Sr. No.	Borrower Details	NPA Date & Outstanding Amount	13(2) Date & Possession Date
1	Venkata Lakshmi Muthyala (Borrower), Venkateswararao Ummidi (Co-Appllicant), A/c No. S16201000022	09-Dec-2025 Rs. 24,58,611 as on 15-Dec-25	15-Dec-2025 28-Mar-2026

Property Description: All that site measuring 12.5 Sq.yds or 10.42 Sq.Meters being undivided and unseparated share out of the total extent of 50 Sq.yds together with entire Third Floor measuring 450 Sft., bearing Door No.48-11-1, Asst. No.49083 & Door No.48-11-1/1, Asst. No.49083/A, T.P.No.15/54, Covered by Block No.24, Town Survey No.688/A/1 of ALLIPURAM WARD, with in the limits of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Limits, Dwarakanagar Sub-Registrar's office, Visakhapatnam District and total property bounded by: East: House of muppidi ramesh prabhu/raj prabhu bearing door 48-11-12, West: house of chellapalli yellaiah bearing D.no 48-11-16, South: house leads to 4 feet common passage house of jatinder sean, North: house of muppidi lakshmi muppidi ramu bearing D.no 48-12-15

Date: 31.03.2026 | Place: Visakhapatnam | Sd/-, Authorised Officer Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited

DCB Bank Limited
Jyothi Majestic, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 034

DCB BANK

POSSESSION NOTICE

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on below mentioned dates calling upon the borrowers (Borrower's and Co-Borrower's) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as detailed below in tabular form with further interest thereon from within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower and Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 also r/w section 14(1) of the Security Interest Rules 2002 as mentioned here below.

The borrower, Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property (Description of the immovable property) and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd., for respective amount as mentioned here below.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1.	Symbolic Possession Date - 25th March, 2026
Demand Notice Dated	27-10-2025
Name of Borrower(S) and (Co-borrower(S))	MR. TALARI BAYANNA AND MS. T ADILAKSHMI
Loan Account No.	DRBLANN0052107
Total Outstanding Amount as on	Rs.6,92,375/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Only) as on 27th October 2025
Description of the Immovable Property	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING DOOR NO. 1-150 AREA ADMEASURING 125.73 SQ.YDS I. E 1131.6 SQ.FTS SR.NO.361 SITUATED AT WITHIN CHAMALURU VILLAGE KESEPALI PANCHAYAT AREA & NARPALA MANDAL NANTHAPURAMUR D & SINGANAMALA S.R.D. BOUNDED BY: EAST: ROAD, SOUTH: HOUSE BELONGS TO P. PADMAVATHI, WEST HOUSE BELONGS TO MANGALA KRISHNAIAH, NORTH HOUSE BELONGS TO SAKA PAKKERAPPA. (The Secured Assets)
Demand Notice Dated	16-12-2025
Name of Borrower(S) and (Co-borrower(S))	MR. SHEK MAHAMMAD ASHRAF AND MRS. SHEK ASHMBEGAM
Loan Account No.	DRBLANN0021808
Total Outstanding Amount as on	Rs.20,37,162/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two Only) as on 16th December 2025
Description of the Immovable Property	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING D.NO: 24-39.30 EXTENT-110 SQ. YARDS, OR 990 SQ. FEET, WARD NO. 24 SY.NO.513 ASST NO: 1002013939 SIDDALAH GUTTA, DHARMAVARAM SRI SATHYA SAI DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH, BOUNDED BY: EAST: THE PROPERTY OF SAIDABEE, SOUTH: VACANT PLACE, WEST: OTHERS PROPERTY, NORTH: ROAD MEASUREMENT EAST-WEST 20 FT OR 60.96 MTRS. NORTH-SOUTH: 49% FT OR 15.087 MTRS. EXTENT 110 SQ. YARDS, OR 990 SQ. FEET. (The Secured Assets)

Date: 31-03-2026 | For DCB BANK LTD, SINGANAMALA S.R.D, DHARMAVARAM SRI SATHYA SAI, AUTHORISED OFFICER

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) In a joint anti-drug operation, Moka Police and the Special Operations Team (SOT) arrested three persons for allegedly transporting cocaine and ganja within the limits of Moka Police Station in Ranga Reddy district. The accused were caught on March 29 near Simhas Foundation on Indra Reddy Nagar Road. According to Moka Circle Inspector Veerababu, the trio was intercepted while traveling in a Maruti Swift car during a joint operation based on credible information. Police seized 39.79 grams of cocaine, around 2 to 3 grams of ganja, four mobile phones, and the car from their possession. The arrested persons were identified as Ponnala Siddharth (A1), Chalavadi Hemanth Krishnavamsi (A2), and Avadhoota Vishnu Teja (A3). Police said Ponnala Siddharth is a government employee. Officials stated that Siddharth was allegedly acting as the supplier, Hemanth Krishnavamsi as the mediator, and Vishnu Teja as the consumer. Police said the accused were allegedly procuring the narcotic substances from Goa and selling them in Hyderabad. A case has been registered against the three accused and further investigation is underway.

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Branch Office: Door no. 23-B-156/A, 1st floor, R. Enclave, New Balaji Colony, A.I.R. Bypass Road, Above ICICI Bank, Tirupati - 517502
Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(B) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 35,00,000/- Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price - Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date and Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	Sarfaesi Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Murali Mohan Babu Amla (Borrower) Loan No. LHTRU000015220358/LHTRU00001523530	Survey no. 95/2, 98/1, 102/3, 106/3, 4, 109/3, 110, Tirupati Rural Mandal, Pudipala Grama Panchayat, Tirupati District	Rs. 34,99,153/-	Rs. 35,00,000/-	09, 2026 11:00 AM To 15, 2026 03:00 PM	16, 2026 02:00 PM before 15, 2026 04:00 PM	Physical Possession	

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before April 15, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before April 15, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be on a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(B) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicifhc.com.

Date: March 31, 2026 | Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited" CIN Number: U65922MH1999PLC120106 | Place: Tirupati

DCB Bank Limited, Jyothi Majestic, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-Telangana 500 034.

DCB BANK

DEMAND NOTICE
DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

You the below mentioned borrower(s), co-borrower(s) have availed loan(s)/facility(ies) from DCB Bank Limited by mortgaging your immovable properties (securities). Consequently to your defaults your loans were classified as non-performing assets. DCB Bank Limited For the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued demand notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Asset And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act), the contents of which are being published herewith as per Section 13(2) of the Act read with rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of service upon you. Details of the borrowers, co-borrowers, properties mortgaged, outstanding dues, demand notice sent under Section 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as under:

Sr. No.	Name and address of the borrower, co-borrower/guarantor, loan account no., loan amount	Secured property address	1) Demand notice date 2) Outstanding dues 3) NPA Date
1	1. MR. KOPPAKARAMANA, 2. MR. KOPPAKA RAJABABU, 3. MS. KOPPAKA NAGAMANI, 4. MS. KOPPAKA DEVUDAMMA. All Address- 1-20, Muramanda Kadiyam Mandalam East Godavari Anaparthi Andhra Pradesh - 533126 Loan Account Number- DAHLANA00456936 Loan Amount Sanctioned: Rs.10,00,000/-	All That House On The South In The House Bearing D.No.1-92, Old D.No.1-87, Consists Of 111 Sq.yds Of Site In Block No.1 In R.s.no.1581/1 Situated At Muramanda Village And Gram Panchayat, Kadiyam Mandal, Mandapeta Sro, East Godavari District Bounded By: North: Site Belongs To K.raja Babu 570", South: Building Belongs To K. Subramanyam 570", West: S.No. 34/3, Agricultural Land 176", East: Raja Vediti 176. (The Secured Assets)	1) 11-03-2026 2) Rs.11,83,382.80/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Two and Eighty Paise Only) as on 11th March 2026 3) NPA Date - 04-03-2026

You the borrower/s and co-borrowers/guarantors are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned hereinabove in full within 60 days of this notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the act to enforce the above-mentioned securities. Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act by virtue of which you are at liberty to redeem the secured asset within period stipulated in the aforesaid provision. Please note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained from transferring the above-referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent.

Date: 31/03/2026 | for DCB Bank Ltd, Place: East-Godavari | Authorized Officer

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Registered office at 27-A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guldy, Chennai - 600 032, Tamil Nadu. E-mail: auction@hindujahousingfinance.com

APPENDIX - IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHF) having its Corporate Office at 167-169, 2ND Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015, and Regional Office at: Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- Door No. #54-16-3/1, 3rd Floor, Central Excise Colony, Rd.No.1, Near Loyala College Main gate, Vijayawada - 520008 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of HHF had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" basis on the dates mentioned below for the realization of the amount due to the Secured Creditor from the borrowers and guarantors. The sale will be done by the Authorized Officer through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankauctions.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Date Of Possession:	Reserve Price	Total Outstanding
1. Mr. Subbarao Ravilisetty .. borrower 2. Mr. Suneel Kumar Ravilisetty R/o. Door No: 8-7-14 & 8-7-15, Vykuntapuram, Chirala, Bapatla (dt), AP-523155. LAN: AP/GNT/CHRL/A000000065	26-07-2025 Demand Notice Date & Amount: 27-02-2025 Rs. 14,90,328/-	Rs.12700450/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 1270045/-	As On Date (25-03-2026) Rs.1620618/-

Description Of The Immovable Property : All that the House of OLD DOOR NO.1-43-7, New Door No: 1-43-6/1, RS NO.200/2, Admeasuring 114 Sq.Yds, Situated at WARD NO.1, TS NO.9/2, Assessment No.1032003470, BLOCK NO.1, EAST VYKUNTAPURAM, GANDI NAGAR, CHAKALI KUNTA, CHIRALA TOWN, BAPATLA (DT) Andhra Pradesh, India - 523155 within the limits of Chirala SRO and bounded by: North: 12 Feet Wide Municipal Road, South: Property belongs to Shaik Masthan bee & Others, East: 12 Feet Wide Municipal Road, West: Property belongs to Erupani Koteswara Rao. SRO Parhur

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Date Of Possession:	Reserve Price	Total Outstanding
2. Mrs. MUMTAZ SHAIK 3. Mr.SHAIK SAMEER, S/O.SHAIK SUBHANI R/O.D No: 8-7-14 & 15, Varavakatta, 4th line, Narasaraopet, Palnadu Dist, Andhra Pradesh, India-522601. LAN: AP/GNT/CHRL/A000000302	23-07-2025 Demand Notice Date & Amount: 27-02-2025 Rs. 19,11,074/-	Rs.3421989/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 342198/-	As On Date (25-03-2026) Rs.1928355/-

Description Of The Immovable Property : All that the House of DOOR NO: 8-7-14 & 8-7-15, ADMEASURING 98 SQ.YARDS, SITUATED AT NARASARAOPETA MUNICIPAL OLD WARD NO-4, NEW WARD NO-10, BLOCK NO: 1/20 T/S R/O-1530 ASST NO-1024009475, VARAVAKATTA, Andhra Pradesh , India - 522601 within the limits of SRO Narasaraopet and bounded by: North: Municipal Road, South: House of Shaik Nasaravali, East: Property of Shaik Mouali, West: Municipal Road

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Date Of Possession:	Reserve Price	Total Outstanding
1. Mr. RAM MOHAN RAO PEETHA ..Borrower 2. Mrs. VIJAYA LAKSHMI PEETHA R/O. DOOR NO: 4-116, PALLEPALEM, MARUPROLUVARI PALEM, BAPATLA, Andhra Pradesh, India - 522101. LAN: AP/GNT/CHRL/A000000116	25-07-2025 Demand Notice Date & Amount: 27-02-2025 Rs. 9,84,227/-	Rs.1647760/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 164776/-	As On Date (25-03-2026) Rs.1005748/-

Description Of The Immovable Property : All that the House of DOOR NO.4-155, in Sy.No: 180/4, Admeasuring 193.6 Sq.Yards, MARUPROLUVARI PALEM, Muthayapalem Panchayat, BAPATLA Mandal & Dist, Andhra Pradesh , India - 522101 within the limits of SRO Bapatla and bounded by: North: House land belongs to Kokkiligadda Chenchala, South: Panchayath Road, East: House land belongs to Peetha Mukheshwara Rao, West: House land belongs to Chintha Palachandra Rao

Mode Of Payment : All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" payable at Vijayawada or through RTGS/NEFT.

Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Hinduja Housing Finance Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE:- 1. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2. Particulars of the property / assets (viz. extant & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extant & dimensions may differ. 3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries / due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bids. 4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://www.bankauctions.com. Or Auction provided by the service provider M/s. C1 India Private Limited, who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform. 5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor /service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash, power failure, etc. 6. For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider/M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd, Plot No- 68, 3rd floor Sector 44 Gurgaon Haryana -122003 (Contact no. 7291981124, 25.26 /Support Email - Support@bankauctions.com, Mr. Dharani Krishna Mo.9948182222. Email: andhra@c1india.com 7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://www.bankauctions.com/well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider. 8. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" on or before 4-May-2026. 9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://www.bankauctions.com) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer/Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, Regional Office Door No. #54-16-3/1, 3rd Floor, Central Excise Colony, Rd.No.1, Near Loyala College Main gate, Vijayawada - 520008 latest by 05:00 PM on 4-May-2026. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale in the loan Account No. (as mentioned above) for property of (as mentioned above)". 10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/s. C1 India Private Limited to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding / auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice. 11. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. 13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him by E-Mail auction@hindujahousingfinance.com both to the Authorized Officer, Hinduja Housing Limited, Regional Office Door No. #54-16-3/1, 3rd Floor, Central Excise Colony, Rd.No.1, Near Loyala College Main gate, Vijayawada - 520008 and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. 14. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring Hinduja Housing Finance Limited. 15. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale. 16. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorized Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. 17. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorized officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorized Officer, failing which the earnest deposit will be forfeited. 18. Municipal/ Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property. 19. Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary proof in respect of payment of all taxes / charges. 20. Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser. 21. The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider. 22. The decision of the Authorized Officer is final, binding and unquestionable. 23. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them. 24. For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited: Mr. Ramakrishna murthy (RLM) Ph: 9515154512, Mr. Aram Sireesh (ARM) Ph 9703889022, Mr. S V Manikantha (CRM) Ph: 7036939385, Mr. CH Naveen Kumar (CLM) Ph.No.9059480154. 25. This publication is also 30 (Thirty) days notice to the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above mentioned date / place.

Place: Andhra Pradesh Date : 31.03.2026. Sd/- Authorised Officer - Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

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EDUCATION MUST SERVE SOCIETY: GOVERNOR S. ABDUL NAZEER



Tirupati: Youth are the cornerstone of the nation's future. The knowledge gained through education must be utilized for the service of society, stated Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer.

Tirupati: Governor and University Chancellor Shri S. Abdul Nazeer, Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur, Dr. Nitin V. Patil, and Vice-Chancellor of Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati, on Monday evening.

With the permission of the Governor and University Chancellor Shri S. Abdul Nazeer, the Convocation ceremony commenced. The Governor personally presented Gold Medals to 38 meritorious students who demonstrated outstanding performance.

On this occasion, addressing the students, Governor and University Chancellor Shri S. Abdul Nazeer said that the convocation is not just a ceremony but a significant turning point in the lives of the students.

He noted that India has the largest youth population in the world, which is a great opportunity for the nation.

Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University Celebrates 13th Convocation, 415 Students Receive Degrees

TIRUPATI, March 30, 2026 - Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University celebrated its 13th Convocation on March 30, 2026, with academic fervor and an elegant ceremony, conferring degrees upon 415 students.



The Chancellor of the University and Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. S. Abdul Nazeer, presented the degrees, medals, and awards. The Chief Guest-Orator for the convocation was Dr. Niteen V. Patil, Vice-Chancellor of Maharashtra Animal and Fisheries Sciences University.

The Chancellor called attention to challenges in the livestock sector, including climate change, emerging diseases, and pressure on natural resources, stressing the need for gene banking and conservation of indigenous breeds.

He praised the university for its 41 affiliated institutions, 33rd rank in the 2024 NIRF rankings among agricultural universities, accreditation by ICAR and VCI, and its focus on teaching, research, extension, indigenous breed conservation, and One Health initiatives.

Proclamation Under Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC in the Court of, Senior Civil Judge, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur, J.P in the matter of: Case No. 16/2026

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AP: YSRCP ALLEGES MINISTER LOKESH TOOK RS 400 CR. KICKBACKS IN TIRUPATI LAND DEAL

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Info panel orders waterbody census across TN



CHENNAI: In a significant move to enhance transparency and strengthen water resource management, the Tamil Nadu Information Commission has directed all 38 District Collectors across the state to upload comprehensive data on waterbodies on official websites.

The directive aims to make detailed information on lakes, ponds, canals, and rivers accessible to the public on a single platform. The data is expected to include key parameters such as the area, location, present condition, and usage of each waterbody, thereby supporting conservation efforts and improving public awareness.

The directive was issued following a case pertaining to delays by District Collectors in uploading waterbody data for public access on district websites. Though the case hearing by State Information Commissioner Thamarai

Kannan took place on February 11, 2026, the official order copy has been released only recently.

According to the Commission's findings, most District Collectors had failed to upload the required data, limiting transparency and public oversight. The Commission has now made it mandatory for districts to publish detailed records, including the size of waterbodies, land ownership details, and the status of encroachments.

The commission has also directed authorities to provide information on the impact of the 2015 floods, post-flood conditions, and the remedial actions taken thereafter.

Further emphasising that all uploaded data must comply with existing High Court guidelines, the Commission warned that failure to adhere to the directive would result in action against the District Collectors concerned.

RESTORED KAKKALUR LAKE IN TIRUVALLUR OPENS NEW RECREATIONAL SPACE

CHENNAI: Residents of Tiruvallur and its neighbouring panchayats now have access to a dedicated recreational space, with the restored Kakkalur Lake opened to the public on March 14. The project, completed at a cost of Rs 3.52 crore by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, has begun attracting hundreds of visitors for morning and evening walks.

Over the past two



weeks, residents say the lakefront has emerged as a popular destination for families, with many gathering in the evenings to enjoy the view and walk-

ing pathways. Raj Kumar, a resident of Kakkalur, said, "The area used to be covered with weeds and bushes and was a hub for anti-social activities. But

now, my children have been eager to visit the lake since its inauguration. I'm surprised at the number of people from different age groups frequenting the space."

Another resident, Lakshmi, said she had visited the lake with her children. "The absence of parks in the locality has made such spaces necessary," she pointed out. "My kids love playing here, and I too find the walking path relaxing."

Chennai youth killed, five injured as car plunges 1,000 ft in Kodaikanal

DINDUGUL: A 33-year-old man from Chennai was killed and five others were seriously injured after their car plunged nearly 1,000 feet into a gorge near Poombarai in Kodaikanal in the early hours of Sunday. The deceased was identified as Mohamed Aidith (33) of Ellis Road, Triplicane. The injured — all his friends — were identified as Nobel (22), Harshad Ali Ahmed (28), Mohamed Kaif (23), Abrith (24), all from Chennai, and Hijaz Ahmed (29) from Tiruchy. Police said the group, who had recently



returned to Chennai from overseas due to the ongoing war, had travelled to Kodaikanal on a leisure trip. Mohamed Kaif, the car's owner, was driving. Around 2.30 am, while heading towards Kookal, where they planned to

stay, the car lost control near Palani View Point at Poombarai, rammied roadside barriers and plunged into a deep gorge. The impact killed Aidith on the spot, while the others sustained severe injuries.

On receiving informa-

tion around 3.45 am, a team led by police inspector Vasanthakumar and fire officer Gopal rushed to the spot along with fire and rescue personnel. Battling darkness and difficult terrain, rescuers descended nearly 1,000 feet using ropes from the nearby Mahalakshmi temple area. They found five persons critically injured and one dead. After a prolonged operation lasting over two hours, all victims were brought up using ropes.

Sathankulam case: Court pulls up CBI, State over delay on sentence; final views due April 2



MADURAI: Pulling up the CBI and the State for delay in stating their stand on sentencing, a Madurai court on Monday granted a final adjournment till April 2 to file comprehensive views on the quantum of punishment for nine policemen convicted in the Sathankulam custodial deaths case. Expressing displeasure, I Additional Sessions Judge Muthukumar said the case was grave and extensively reported, making the delay in furnishing inputs "unacceptable". The court noted that while a report had been filed on behalf of the Superintendent of Police, both the CBI and the State had failed to place detailed submissions on sentencing.

The CBI counsel sought time, citing delays in receiving instructions from higher authorities. Rejecting the justification, the judge directed both the Centre and

the State to file their final, detailed reports without fail on April 2. All nine convicted policemen were produced before the court.

On March 23, the court had convicted all nine accused and reserved orders on sentence, specifically seeking the prosecution's stand on punishment.

The case relates to the 2020 custodial deaths of trader Jayaraj and his son Bennix in Sathankulam, Thoothukudi district, following alleged police assault. The probe was later transferred to the CBI, which arrested nine policemen, including then inspector Sridhar and sub-inspectors Raghu Ganesh and Balakrishnan. They have since been lodged in Madurai Central Prison. During the trial, several police personnel, including constables Revathi and Beulah and sub-inspector Ravichandran, deposed against their colleagues.

Smartphones fuelling silent rise in childhood obesity, warn experts



New Delhi, Mar 30: The growing dependence on smartphones among children is emerging as a key factor behind a silent surge in childhood obesity across India, with doctors warning that the trend is far more serious than many families realise. Health experts say the practice of using mobile phones as a distraction during meals is leading to unhealthy eating habits, reduced physical activity and long-term metabolic risks. According to Dr Vijay Yewale, even children as young as five are showing signs of weight gain due to excessive screen exposure and poor dietary patterns.

A recent study conducted in Gujarat found that 43 per cent of children with more than four hours of daily screen time were either overweight or obese, often resorting to high-sugar and high-fat snacks due to boredom and stress. Doctors identify children aged 8 to 14 as the most vulnerable group.

Medical professionals note that parents often overlook early signs of obesity until complica-

tions arise. Dr Vimal Pahuja cited a case of a 12-year-old who developed fatty liver, insulin resistance and vitamin deficiencies after prolonged gaming and junk food consumption. Lifestyle changes, including reduced screen time and increased physical activity, helped reverse some of the damage. Experts say screen addiction is reshaping children's relationship with food. Dr Asmita Mahajan pointed out that excessive screen use reduces outdoor play and encourages sedentary habits, while nutritionist Sangeetha Aiyer noted that distracted eating prevents children from recognising hunger and fullness cues.

Research also shows that prolonged screen exposure disrupts sleep patterns and hormonal balance. Blue light from devices affects melatonin levels, which in turn impacts appetite-regulating hormones like ghrelin and leptin, increasing cravings for sugary foods and late-night eating. Studies published in journals such as JAMA

Pediatrics have linked excessive screen time to higher risks of obesity, high blood pressure and abnormal cholesterol levels in children. If left unchecked, experts warn, it could lead to serious conditions including Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and metabolic disorders later in life.

Nutritionists also highlight the "double reward" effect, where screen use combined with junk food consumption reinforces unhealthy habits through dopamine-driven behaviour, making such patterns difficult to break.

Psychologists stress that addressing the issue requires parental involvement. Dr Dipti Yadav said children tend to imitate adults, and reducing screen dependence must begin with parents setting healthier examples, encouraging outdoor activities, hobbies and screen-free family time. Experts emphasise that early intervention, balanced routines and mindful eating habits are crucial to prevent long-term health consequences among children.

Synthetic drugs and fake pills deepen US drug crisis, lawmakers warn



Washington, Mar 29: US officials have raised alarm over a rapidly evolving drug crisis marked by a surge in counterfeit prescription pills and powerful synthetic substances, warning lawmakers that the threat is becoming increasingly complex and dangerous. During a hearing of a subcommittee under the US House Energy and Commerce Committee, legislators examined a set of 14 proposed bills aimed at tackling illegal drug distribution, regulating emerging substances, and expanding access to treatment.

Experts told lawmakers that the drug landscape has shifted significantly from traditional narcotics to synthetic mixtures often manufactured in illegal labs and disguised as legitimate medications. Scott Oulton highlighted counterfeit pills as the most immediate concern, noting that they are mass-produced by criminal groups without any consistency or safety controls.

He explained that pills appearing identical can contain vastly different quantities of dangerous substances such as fentanyl, nitazenes, and xylazine—making them highly unpredictable and increasing the risk of

fatal overdoses. Law enforcement officials echoed these concerns. Dennis Lemma warned that modern drug supplies are "more potent, deceptive, and unpredictable" than ever. Many users unknowingly consume counterfeit medications laced with lethal substances, sometimes resulting in death from a single dose. A growing concern is xylazine, a non-opioid sedative increasingly mixed with opioids. Because it does not respond to naloxone, commonly used to reverse overdoses, emergency treatment becomes more complicated.

Officials also pointed to a rising synthetic compound known as 7OH, which is being marketed as a natural product despite posing serious risks of addiction and overdose.

In response, lawmakers are considering stricter enforcement measures, including classifying substances like xylazine and nitazenes under the Controlled Substances Act. However, some experts urged caution. Nabarun Dasgupta warned that banning one drug often leads to the rapid emergence of alternatives. He cited cases where xylazine has already been replaced in some regions by similar compounds such as medetomidine.

Public health officials also stressed the need to maintain progress made in reducing over-

dose deaths. Yngvild Olsen noted that while fatalities have declined from pandemic-era peaks, continued investment in treatment is essential. She emphasized the effectiveness of medications like methadone and buprenorphine in reducing overdose risks.

Effective exercises to build strong and stable shoulders

Mumbai, Mar 29: Strong shoulders are essential for daily activities and athletic performance. The shoulder joint, supported by muscles like the deltoids, rotator cuff, and trapezius, needs balanced strength and stability to function properly and prevent injuries. A consistent routine of strength training 2-3 times a week, along with proper rest and nutrition, can significantly improve shoulder strength, endurance, and mobility. The overhead press is a key compound movement that builds overall shoulder strength along with triceps and upper back. Stand or sit with weights at shoulder height and press them overhead until arms are fully extended, then lower



slowly. Perform 3-4 sets of 8-12 reps. This exercise targets the side delts and helps create broader shoulders. Lift dumbbells out to the sides up to shoulder height with control, then lower slowly. Do 3-4 sets of 12-15 reps. It enhances shoulder width and stability.

Front raises focus on the front delts, which are important for pushing movements. Lift weights straight in front up to shoulder level and lower

with control. Perform 3 sets of 10-12 reps. It supports strength in daily lifting tasks.

Reverse flys strengthen the rear delts and upper back. Bend forward slightly and raise your arms out to the sides, squeezing the shoulder blades together. Aim for 3-4 sets of 12-15 reps. It improves posture and reduces shoulder strain.

Face pulls are excellent for shoulder health and stability. Using a cable or band, pull towards your face with elbows high and wide, then release slowly. Do 3 sets of 15-20 reps. It helps maintain joint health and correct posture.

DCB Bank Limited		DCB BANK
Jyothi Mejsic, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 034		
POSSESSION NOTICE		
The undersigned being the authorized officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on below mentioned dates calling upon the borrowers (Borrower's and Co-Borrower's) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as detailed below in tabular form with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.		
The borrower and Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 also r/w section 14(1) of the Security Interest Rules 2002 on as mentioned here below.		
The borrower, Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property (Description of the immovable Property) and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd., for respective amount as mentioned here below.		
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.		
1.	Symbolic Possession Date - 26th March, 2026	
Demand Notice Dated	19-12-2025	
Name of Borrower(S) and (Co-borrower(S))	MR. NANAJI GUNDA AND MRS. GUNDAARUNA	
Loan Account No.	DBLAANP00442602/DBLAANP00511943	
Total Outstanding Amount as on	Rs.173,767,411/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Seventy-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven and Forty-One Paise Only) as on 19th December 2025	
Description of the Immovable Property	ALL THAT THE PROPERTY BEARING DOCUMENTS NO.240/2018, MEASURING GROUND FLOOR RCC BUILDING WITH AND EXTENT OF 70 SQ. YARDS BEARING ASSESSMENT NO.253, D NO. 4-104, COVERED BY SURVEY NO.1663, OF KHAJIPALEM VILLAGE, ATCHUTHAPURAM MANDAL, YELAMANCHILI S.R.O. ANAKAPALLI REGISTRATION DISTRICT, VISAKHAPATNAM REVENUE DIVISION AND THE TOTAL PROPERTY BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: EAST: PROPERTY OF APPIKONDA NAIDU, WEST: RAJAVEEDHI ROAD, NORTH: PROPERTY OF DWARAPUREDDI AYYANNA @ MUSILI, SOUTH: PROPERTY OF KOONISSETTI JOGAMMA, (The Secured Assets)	
Date: 31-03-2026	FOR DCB BANK LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER	
Place: Vishakhapatnam		

MANAPPURAM HOME FINANCE LTD				
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CIN: U65923K12010P0039179				
Registered office at 8596 A, Padmaprabha Building, Near Sreerama Swami Temple, Chittoor, Tirupur Road, Tirupathi, Tirunelveli 625027				
DEMAND NOTICE				
Whereas the Authorized Officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd., having our registered office at 8596 A, Padmaprabha Building, Near Sreerama Swami Temple, Chittoor, Tirupur Road, Tirupathi, Tirunelveli 625027 and branches at various places in India (hereinafter referred to as "MAHOFIN") is a Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 and a Financial Institution within the meaning of sub-clause (vi) of clause (m) of sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act) read with Notification No. S.O. 3465 (E) dated 18th December, 2015 issued by the Govt. of India, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi, inter alia carrying on business of advancing loans for construction and for purchase of dwelling units and whereas the Borrower/Co-Borrowers as mentioned in Column No. 2 of the below mentioned chart obtained from MAHOFIN and whereas MAHOFIN being the secured creditor under the SARFAESI Act, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 2 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice calling upon the Borrower/Co-Borrowers as mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served upon some of them for various reasons. That in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.				
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Loan Branch	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which interest has been created	NPA Date	Date of Notice sent & Outstanding Amount
1	MANDHA SWARNA LATHA, MANDHA ISSAK, MANCHA KARTHICK, MOGILA JALANESWARAN, 05011192 / VIJAYAWADA	An extent of 183.0 SqYds of site with RCC roofed building in RS No 11/A, H.No. 55-2-993, New GPH No 2-483, Ethenamaram Village, Hanasiparthi Mandal, Westargal Urban District, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin:521215, EAST-House of K. Parasuram, WEST-Open Land of Abul Nahi Property, SOUTH-H. No. 55-2-992, M Sudhakar Property, NORTH-Road.	28-02-2026	18-03-2026 & Rs.110866/-
2	DOLA JOIBURANI, DOLA YESTERURANI, KANDAVALLI PRASADABU, NHEL031003917/ VIJAYAWADA	Eluru District, Nuzvid Sub Registry, Musuram/Mandalam, Akkinadu/Gudem Village Panchayat Area, R.S. NO 198, Door No 1-21, Assmt NO 520, An extent of 96.8 Sq Yards of Residential Site, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin:521215, EAST-Panchayath Road, WEST-Property of Dola Venkateswara Rao, SOUTH-Property of Tanani Venkatesh, NORTH-Property of Challa Venkateswara Rao.	15-03-2026	18-03-2026 & Rs.717237/-
Notice, as is therefore given to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower/Co-Borrower, MAHOFIN shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage cases of the said borrowers are being advertised in the newspapers for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act.				
Take note that in terms of S- 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and/or dealing with the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner.				
Place: ANDHRA PRADESH, Date: 31-03-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Manappuram Home Finance Ltd				

EDITORIAL

Shadow Wars: The 'Inside Networks' Helping Israel Target Iran And Its Leaders

The assassination of the all-powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) Navy chief, Alireza Tangsiri, is the latest addition to Iran's leadership falling prey to Israeli and American military campaigns. Tangsiri was reportedly killed in an Israeli airstrike on the port city of Bandar Abbas, on the coast of the contested Strait of Hormuz, and nearly 1,300 km from the besieged capital city of Tehran.

Targeting Tangsiri was to highlight that the centrality of the Hormuz Strait, now largely blocked and controlled by the IRGC, is core to the campaign's aims, while the larger clarity of the intended strategic focus of the war remains murky. Meanwhile, President Donald Trump, who continues to shift goal posts on the end game for the military campaign and is now dabbling with the idea of an on-ground incursion targeting critical islands peppered across the Persian Gulf, is looking for a final gut punch against Tehran, which can be used to exit the war. Over the past four weeks, with Tangsiri being the latest example, Israel has showcased that its war with Iran was being waged over the years in the shadows of espionage, intelligence, and covert operations. Conducting a precision strike in Bandar Abbas also highlights the spread of Israeli intelligence, a kind of reach that has been cultivated inside Iran and its institutions, both political and military.

For years, both Tehran and Tel Aviv have chased down each other's personnel and interests. The 2010 assassination of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai, a co-founder of the military wing of Hamas, by Israel's external spy agency, the Mossad, garnered global attention given the agent's use of forged foreign passports predominantly from European countries. Attacks against Israeli diplomatic missions and officials blamed on Iran across global capitals, including New Delhi, have also been a regular fixture, albeit not as aggressively as the former's operations in comparison. What we witness today with the war in the Middle East and the 12-day war that preceded it in 2025 is only the public disclosure of a conflict fought in the shadows for a prolonged period.

However, while the decapitation strikes have caused not just significant damage to the Iranian regime's leadership structure, beginning with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, whose killing in the largest failure in IRGC's history, they may not be enough to dismantle the system and its entrenchment that runs the state. The IRGC is not the deep state, as many through this conflict have alluded to, a political concept that has its roots in the chinks of the Ottoman Empire, which ended over a century ago, but is liberally used today to elude towards unseen influences and powers that direct certain states and their trajectories.

For Iran, Israel's reach within its borders, even during wartime, remains one of its biggest challenges. Since September 2025, Tehran has delivered execution orders against dozens of people accused of spying for Israel. The idea comes more from a sense of panic than betrayal, to instil fear amongst a very vulnerable population, both economically and politically, not heed advances by foreign agencies and work against the regime. Iran's own networks of clandestine operations, dwarfed by both audacity and breadth of that of Israel, are expected to be operationalised further on the other side of this conflict, as a collapse of the regime remains unlikely. In the past week, two Israelis, including a teenager and a military reservist, were arrested on allegations of spying for the IRGC.

The IRGC, despite its current depleted condition, cannot be easily counted out. In a recent interview with a British newspaper, Sir Alex Younger, former chief of the United Kingdom's external intelligence agency, the Secret Intelligence Service or MI6, said that Iran holds the upper hand in the conflict for the moment. Younger added that the strategy of "horizontal escalation", meaning firing projectiles at all accessible targets irrespective of their prior relations or affiliations with the Iranian state, seems to have worked.

Why This Is The Most 'Deceptive' Point Of The US-Iran War - Yet

A month into the war in West Asia, the crisis has entered its most deceptive phase. Talks are now visible. Peace is not. Every hint of talks briefly steadies markets, but the underlying crisis remains unchanged. Hormuz remains under pressure, Israel and Iran are still exchanging fire, and Washington is adding military weight even as it talks of negotiations. For India, this is now an inflation risk, a shipping risk, and a supply-chain risk. This is not peace approaching. It is coercive bargaining under continuing fire. Every side is trying to improve its position before the next move. Three things matter now: the battlefield, the bargaining gap and the economic squeeze. By the first two, peace remains distant. By the third, the cost of prolonging the war is becoming unmistakable, and the pressure for de-escalation is harder to ignore.

The Battlefield

Start with the battlefield. On March 23, the United States postponed planned strikes on Iranian energy infrastructure for five days. On March 26, President Donald Trump extended that pause by another 10 days, until April 6. This was not a ceasefire. It paused one part of the war, not the war itself. It applied only to energy installations, not to the wider conflict. At the same time, the first contingent of US Marines has already arrived in the region, and the Pentagon is weighing additional troop deployments from the 82nd Airborne. That is not winding down. When a war pauses one set of targets while moving fresh forces into theatre, it is not ending, but recalibrating. The bargaining gap is just as wide. Washington still wants Iran pushed back hard, with an end to enrichment, tighter missile limits, stricter curbs on proxies, and the reopening of Hormuz.

Tehran is answering in equally hard terms, demanding guarantees against future attacks, compensation for wartime losses, and terms that preserve its leverage in Hormuz, while refusing to trade away what it sees as its main deterrent.



For now, Pakistan, Egypt, and Turkey matter more as channels than as mediators between adversaries that still distrust direct talks. The channels exist, but there is still no common ground.

The Ever-Growing Split

Israeli thinking remains sceptical that Iran will accept the terms on offer. It wants any arrangement to preserve freedom for future pre-emptive action. In the Gulf, there is no single line. Some capitals want the fighting to end quickly because of the damage to trade and energy flows. Others insist that a mere ceasefire is inadequate and that any settlement must durably weaken Iran's missile, drone, proxy, and shipping leverage. The split is plain. Some want a ceasefire now. Others want one only after Iran is left weaker than before. Lebanon is no longer a side theatre. Israel is now openly discussing a security zone up to the Litani River and tying the return of displaced Lebanese to security in its north. Tehran, for its part, wants the Lebanon front folded into any ceasefire. That means even if

Washington and Tehran seek to expand the present pause, Israeli action in Lebanon could still determine whether the conflict broadens, freezes, or begins to ease. Houthi missile fire on Israel raises the prospect of a wider conflict. More worrying still, it puts Bab al-Mandab and the Red Sea back in play even as Hormuz and the Gulf remain under strain.

Money Is The Matter

Economics is now the strongest argument for de-escalation. Oil has stayed above \$100 a barrel. Gas markets have been hit even harder, with Asian LNG prices far above pre-war levels. Urea prices have jumped sharply, with Middle East export prices up about 40% from before the war, and fertilizer costs could rise much further if Hormuz disruption persists. This is when the shock starts moving through the wider economy. Higher fuel, freight, and fertilizer costs feed directly into agriculture, food inflation, aviation, chemicals, plastics, and factory input prices. When war begins to hit harvests, household budgets, and manufacturing margins at the

same time, the case for de-escalation grows stronger. India should read this without illusion. The issue is no longer simply imported oil. It is the full supply chain: energy, fertilizer, shipping, industrial inputs, inflation, and the safety of Indians in the Gulf. New Delhi has already had to secure shipping passage, reassure the public on fuel and gas availability, and cut excise duties to cushion domestic prices. For India, stepping the war down is not just a foreign policy preference, but an economic need. India should, therefore, back any sequenced approach that first reduces violence, opens up shipping and then tackles the larger questions of missiles, nuclear constraints, and regional order.

So, is this pause leading to peace? Not yet. It is leading to a more crowded and more anxious bargaining phase. There are more channels, more urgency, and more fear of the economic consequences of another month like this one. The battlefield is still active, the troop build-up continues, the Houthis have widened the war, and markets remain sceptical that a ceasefire is close.

India-US trade agreement



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(Opportunities, Fears, and the Search for Balance)

The proposed bilateral trade agreement (2026) between India and the United States has emerged at a time when India, on the one hand, is moving towards expanding its participation in the global economy, while on the other hand, it faces the essential challenge of protecting its agriculture-based socio-economic structure. While the interim framework announced in February 2026 has opened new opportunities for Indian exporters in the US market, the potential import of cheap US agricultural products has created a sense of anxiety and insecurity among millions of farmers in the country. In this context, the question becomes extremely relevant: whether this agreement will establish India as a strong global agricultural exporter or will it cause economic crisis for small and marginal farmers.

India-US trade relations have historically been strategic and multifaceted. India has achieved a surplus in agricultural trade between the two countries in recent years, indicating the potential for global competitiveness of Indian agricultural products. The proposed agreement, under which the US would reduce or eliminate tariffs on Indian products—such as spices, tea, coffee, cashews, mangoes, papayas, and processed foods—could boost Indian exports. This would not only increase foreign exchange earnings but also boost value addition and processing industries in the agricultural sector.

But the other side of this agreement is far more complex and sensitive. The United States provides extensive subsidies to its farmers, making its agricultural products highly competitive in the international market. If such products—such as DDGS, soybean oil, and sorghum—enter the

Indian market on a large scale, domestic farmers could suffer serious price competition. This could lead to a decline in agricultural prices, creating even more challenges for farmers already struggling with income stress.

India's agricultural structure is largely based on small and marginal farmers, who constitute approximately 86% of the total. These farmers sustain their livelihoods amid challenges such as limited resources, volatile markets, and climate change. Policies such as the Minimum Support Price (MSP) provide a safety net for these farmers, but its reach is limited and does not benefit all crops and regions equally. If cheap imports increase in the domestic market, the effectiveness of the MSP could be weakened and farmers' incomes could be adversely affected.

Another important concern relates to biosafety and genetically modified (GM) crops. The United States is a major producer and exporter of GM crops, while India still maintains a cautious approach to the subject. India may face pressure to reduce non-tariff barriers under trade agreements, potentially increasing the import of GM products. This situation could pose long-term risks to the country's biodiversity, traditional agricultural practices, and food security. Additionally, sensitive sectors such as dairy, poultry, and oilseeds could be affected by this agreement. India's dairy sector is not only a global leader but also supports the livelihoods of millions of rural families. If American dairy products enter the Indian market, local producers will face competition. Similarly, the oilseeds sector, in which India is striving for self-sufficiency, could be affected by cheap imports, hindering the promotion of domestic production.

Along with these economic challenges, the social and strategic dimensions of this agreement are also important. Potential income losses and competition in the agricultural sector could adversely impact rural employment, exacerbating social inequality and regional disparities. Strategically, this agreement symbolizes growing cooperation between India and the United States, which is also linked to the broader perspective of the Quad and

the balance of power in the Indo-Pacific. Therefore, it is not practical for India to reject this agreement outright; rather, it is necessary to adopt a balanced approach.

In this context, the biggest challenge facing India is how to protect its agricultural interests while taking advantage of global economic opportunities. This requires a multi-pronged strategy. First, trade protection measures—such as quantity limits (TRQs), minimum import prices (MIPs), and special safeguard measures (SSMs)—should be effectively utilized to protect the domestic market from sudden surges in imports.

Second, structural reforms are necessary to strengthen the domestic agricultural sector. This includes promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), strengthening the supply chain, and encouraging processing and value addition. This will increase the competitiveness of Indian products and enable farmers to obtain better prices.

Third, an export-oriented agricultural policy should be strengthened. India has immense potential to capture global markets in spices, organic products, horticultural crops, and traditional food products. If attention is paid to quality standards, branding, and logistics in these sectors, India can not only maintain but also strengthen its trade balance.

Fourth, it is essential to adopt a clear and strict policy regarding biosafety and quality standards, so that the country's food security and environmental balance are not compromised. Additionally, a balance must be struck between traditional knowledge and modern science while embracing technological innovations.

Ultimately, this agreement is not just an economic document, but a crucial step in shaping India's development journey. Balancing its inherent opportunities and risks will be key to its success. India must adopt a "nation first" approach and develop a strategy that reconciles farmer security, food sovereignty, and global competitiveness.

If India succeeds in striking this balance through smart and sensitive policy-making, this agreement will not only become a vehicle for economic progress but will also pave the way for sustainable prosperity for crores of farmers in the country.

Mamata, Abhishek, And TMC's 'Twin-Track' Strategy For Bengal

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Trinamool Congress's second-in-command Abhishek Banerjee have emerged as a coordinated political force in the 2026 election campaign. Their joint leadership marks a distinctive phase in the state's electoral politics, with a level of coordination not seen in previous elections. While Abhishek Banerjee played an active role in the 2021 Assembly and subsequent Lok Sabha elections, the current campaign reflects an unprecedented degree of synchronisation between the two.

Aggressive opposition politics is not new to the state. Similar intensity was visible during the Left Front era under Jyoti Basu and Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, when Mamata Banerjee led the opposition. After the Left's decline, she occupied much of the opposition space once held by the Congress, with the BJP gradually emerging as the principal challenger. Even so, the BJP's current level of political aggression is among the sharpest seen in recent decades. Another key feature of this election is the visible role of the central establishment. Institutions such as the Election Commission have taken an active role, which the BJP argues is necessary to ensure free and fair polls in a state it claims has seen a breakdown of democratic norms.

Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee have responded with a coordinated counter-strategy. Despite earlier differences - Abhishek advocating greater space for younger leaders and Mamata relying on the party's traditional structure - the two now appear to have reached a balance. The party reflects a mix of continuity and change, blending its old ethos with a younger leadership base. Their campaign strategy is



carefully divided. The two leaders have coordinated their tours to maximise outreach without overlap. When Mamata campaigns in North Bengal, Abhishek focuses on the South, particularly his Diamond Harbour constituency. When she returns south, their movements are recalibrated to avoid duplication. This division of labour is part of a structured plan reportedly shaped by their media team, with inputs from the consultancy I-PAC. They have also split campaign messaging. Abhishek focuses on youth-centric issues—employment, industrial growth, and the vision of a "New Bengal"—while Mamata emphasises welfare schemes, governance, and political attacks on the BJP. While both criticise the BJP, their tone and style differ.

On certain issues, however, they speak in unison. Both have criticised the Election Commission over voter list revisions, alleging "electoral atrocities". They also repeatedly target Suwendu Adhikari—often without naming him—referring to him as a "traitor."

Nandigram remains a politically sensitive battleground. Abhishek Banerjee has taken the lead there, campaigning for the Trinamool candidate against Adhikari. Mamata Banerjee, who lost the seat in the previous election and later described the result as influenced by irregularities, has not visited the constituency so far. Abhishek has actively campaigned in Nandigram, publicly backing the TMC's candidate—once an associate of Adhikari—and energising workers. He is also closely monitoring administrative functioning in the constituency, with the party conducting detailed, block-level electoral assessments.

Mamata Banerjee's campaign, meanwhile, remains rooted in emotional and cultural connect. She continues to focus on rural Bengal, projecting herself as a leader under attack and appealing particularly to women, including OBC, SC/ST, and Muslim communities. Abhishek, in contrast, is giving added emphasis to the Matua community. On 24 March, the Trinamool

Congress launched a major campaign phase from Pathar Pratima. Addressing a large rally, Abhishek Banerjee set a target of a 40,000-vote victory margin for party candidate Samir Kumar Jana. He highlighted development work and presented five key pledges: expansion of Lakshmir Bhandar, housing for all households, and universal old-age pensions. He also cited data to underline government performance, including beneficiaries under Yuvashree, Lakshmir Bhandar, and Swasthya Sathi, as well as infrastructure projects like rural roads built under Pathashree. At the same time, he accused the Centre of withholding funds for housing and drinking water projects. Mamata Banerjee's campaign style stands in contrast. Campaigning in North Bengal's Doars region the same day, she joined Adivasi dancers en route from Chalsa to Lataguri, reflecting her emphasis on spontaneity and cultural connection.

Trump threatens to 'obliterate' Iran's energy facilities if deal not reached 'shortly'

Diesel prices in the UK have reached their highest level since December 2022, while petrol has also hit a 28-month high. Average petrol prices are now 152 pence a litre, with diesel at 181.2 pence. RAC policy chief Simon Williams tells the BBC it now costs £10.55 more to fill up a typical petrol family car than it did at the start of the Iran conflict. For diesel cars, owners are paying £21.35 more. The war in Iran and the situation in the Strait of Hormuz have pushed global fuel costs up sharply - with some countries bringing in measures to cut usage. Sri Lanka has introduced fuel rationing, while two Australian states have made public transport free to encourage people not to drive. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) says it has struck the Iranian Imam Hossein University in recent days. In an update, the IDF says the university contained Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) infrastructure, and



that research and development for weaponry was carried out there. This comes after earlier strikes on the campus - on 7 March, the IDF gave a similar update saying it had struck the university. The university is in Tehran and is affiliated with the IRGC. It's still very difficult to reach people inside Iran because of the government-imposed internet outage. Some manage to connect using Starlink satellites and

other methods - but using or even possessing Starlink can lead to up to two years in prison in Iran. I've been asking some of them what they think about Donald Trump talking about the possibility of seizing Kharg Island. A man in his 30s who has visited the island before tells me: "Obviously I will not be happy, but I want to see what the Islamic Republic will do. They have been saying for years that they have a power-

ful navy, and I am sceptical. "I think the US wants to put economic pressure on the regime by doing this." A woman in her 20s who wants the war to end says: "I am very worried and anxious about it. The most important thing is that it is part of Iran's soil. I think it is going to put a lot of pressure on ordinary people if it happens." US President Donald Trump says Washington is in "serious discussions" with

a "new and more reasonable [Iranian] regime" to bring an end to military operations in Iran. But he also warns that if a deal is not reached soon, the US will target electricity-generating plants, oil wells and Kharg Island. Iran four days after Israeli forces said they had targeted Iran's naval commander Alireza Tangsiri, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has confirmed that Tangsiri was killed. Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei called Tangsiri "courageous". His funeral will be held tomorrow morning, according to Iranian state media. Lebanon Israel has launched air strikes in south Beirut, saying it was targeting Hezbollah's infrastructure. Pictures show destroyed buildings and debris, as rescue workers search for people in the affected area. Israel's Air Force (IDF) soldier was killed while fighting in southern Lebanon on Sunday, the Israeli military

says. Iran launched missiles at northern Israel. The Israeli fire service says an industrial building and a fuel tanker in Haifa were hit by debris from an intercepted missile aimed at the Bazan oil refinery. As we've reported, Donald Trump now says that "if the Hormuz Strait is not immediately 'Open for Business', the US will be 'blowing up and completely obliterating' assets including electricity and oil plants. This isn't the first time he's posted something similar - the US president has been updating his deadline for Iran to open the Strait of Hormuz in various Truth Social posts. Here's a timeline: 21 March: Trump said he would 'hit and obliterate [Iran's] various power plants, starting with the biggest ones first' if Iran didn't reopen the Strait of Hormuz within 48 hours. 23 March: He then said the two countries had had "very good and productive conversations".

48-HOUR CURFEW IMPOSED AFTER ATTACK ON BAR IN NIGERIAN CITY

A 48-hour curfew has been imposed in parts of the central Nigerian city of Jos, after gunmen opened fire at a bar, leading to deadly revenge attacks, local reports say. Twelve people were reportedly killed when attackers ambushed the drinking spot. A mob is then said to have retaliated, killing 10 more people. Announcing the curfew, Plateau state governor Caleb Manasseh Mutwang said an investigation had been opened and those responsible for the killings would be brought to justice. The state has long been considered one of the most volatile parts of Nigeria. Paul Mancha, chairperson of the youth council in Plateau state, suggested that the true number of casualties could be even higher. "People were here in the evening and unfortunately, wicked terrorists came and attacked our people," he told Reuters news agency. "We have counted scores of people who are now dead and then so many others

are also in the hospital receiving treatment." In a statement announcing the curfew, the Plateau state governor condemned the killings as "barbaric and unprovoked," and said security agencies had been directed to pursue those responsible and bring them to justice. Local residents said threats had been posted on social media before the attack. The curfew, which began at midnight local time, is due to remain in force until 1 April. Residents have been ordered to stay indoors as security personnel intensify patrols and maintain a visible presence across the affected areas. Security forces were deployed swiftly after the shooting, with troops and other personnel moving to secure the area and restore calm. Plateau state lies in central Nigeria, where there is often violence between different communities, especially mainly Muslim herders and largely Christian farmers over access to land and water points.

MYANMAR JUNTA CHIEF MIN AUNG HLAING NOMINATED AS PRESIDENT



Myanmar's military chief Min Aung Hlaing has been nominated for the presidency as parliament convened on Monday, following a general election from which the biggest opposition parties were excluded. Min Aung Hlaing is certain to be chosen, as he was nominated in parliament alongside two loyalists who are very unlikely contenders for president. He has been sanctioned by many Western countries for leading a military coup five years ago. In the ensuing civil war, thousands of people have been killed and millions have been displaced. Large areas of the country remain under the control of armed opposition groups. The general elections, held between December and January, were touted by the junta as a pathway to peace. But the vote was widely viewed as a sham, with many popular parties banned from standing and large areas of the country not allowed to participate because of the civil war. The regime has rejected this criticism, maintaining that the vote was free and fair. Still, around 90% of the members of Myanmar's new parliament owe their loyalty to Min Aung Hlaing, either as serving officers in the armed forces - which are

guaranteed a quarter of the seats - or as elected candidates for the military's own party. They plan to spend most of this week debating the choice of the next president, but it is now inevitable that the coup leader will get the job. Min Aung Hlaing is known to have wanted the presidency for a long time. The prospect of not getting it after the military party's dismal performance in the 2020 election was a big factor behind the coup that ousted the elected government led by Aung San Suu Kyi. But there are trade-offs: the constitution states that Min Aung Hlaing must give up command of the armed forces if he becomes president. That carries risks. There are known to be senior commanders who are unhappy with his leadership. He has already chosen a staunch loyalist, General Ye Win Oo to replace him, who has a reputation for brutal treatment of dissidents. But the risk still remains that once Min Aung Hlaing no longer controls the military, he loses some of his power. He has also created a new consultative council which he will head, which could give him continued authority over both military and civilian affairs.

Fugitive Dezi Freeman shot dead by Australian police after seven months in hiding

Australian police have shot and killed Dezi Freeman after the double-murderer spent seven months on the run. A well-known conspiracy theorist, Freeman gunned down two police officers on his property in the small Victorian town of Porepunkah last August, before fleeing into dense bushland and evading extensive searches. Victoria Police say a man was shot dead after an hours-long standoff at a rural property in the state's north-east on Monday morning. Chief Commissioner Mike Bush said the man is believed to be Freeman, 56, but formal identification is still underway. "Today an evil man is dead," said Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan. "It's over." Police say they sur-

rounded a building - described as a cross between a shipping container and a long caravan - on a rural property around 5:30 local time. After three hours and multiple police pleas, a man believed to be Freeman came outside and was shot dead. Details are still being confirmed, Bush told reporters, but he believes Freeman emerged wrapped in a blanket and armed with a gun, possibly one taken from one of the slain officers back in August. "Our ultimate goal was to arrest the person," Bush said. "There was an opportunity for him to surrender peacefully but he did not." No officers were hurt during the operation, police said, which will be investigated, as is standard in police shootings.

WHY DOES THE US HAVE IRAN'S KHARG ISLAND IN ITS SIGHTS?

US President Donald Trump has warned of possible further American action against a small island off the coast of Iran - home to a major oil terminal that is considered the country's economic lifeline. In an interview with the Financial Times on Sunday, Trump said he wants to "take" Iran's oil and was considering seizing Kharg Island. But he added an operation "would mean we had to be there for a while". The US has already targeted the island earlier in the war. On 13 March, the US launched airstrikes on Kharg, with Trump saying US forces had "totally obliterated" every military target there. But it held off targeting the island's oil infrastructure. There has been speculation for some time



about whether US forces will at some point attempt to take over Kharg Island. In the interview with the Financial Times, Trump said: "Maybe we take Kharg Island, maybe we don't. We have a lot of options." He added: "It would also mean we had to be there [in Kharg Island] for a while... I don't think they have any defence. We could take it very easily." Sources told the BBC's

US partner CBS News that Pentagon officials have made detailed preparations to deploy ground forces into Iran. Adding to that speculation, US Central Command said on Saturday that a further 3,500 US sailors and marines arrived in the Middle East as part of a unit led by the warship USS Tripoli. Both the Pentagon and the White House have declined to comment on spe-

cific troop deployments or potential plans - but have repeatedly made clear that the option is available. Taking the island would effectively cut off the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)'s economic lifeline, affecting its ability to conduct the war, security analyst Mikey Kay, from the BBC's Security Brief, says. Taking the island could choke off Iran's oil exports and provide a platform for the US military to carry out attacks against the mainland. The US could use the island as leverage to compel the Iranians to keep the strait open. But any US operation to seize the island would be challenging, according to Aaron Maclean, host of the School of War podcast and a CBS News national security analyst.

SPAIN CLOSES AIRSPACE TO US AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN IRAN WAR

Spain has closed its airspace to US planes involved in attacks on Iran, Madrid's defence minister Margarita Robles has said. "We will not authorise the use of Moron and Rota [military bases] for any acts related to the war in Iran," she said, adding that Spain had "made this clear to the American government from the beginning". Foreign affairs minister José Manuel Albares stated the aim of the decision was to "not do anything that could encourage an escalation in this war". The US did not immediately comment but President Donald Trump has previously threatened to impose a full trade embargo on Spain over its opposition



to the Iran war. Since the start of the war in late February, the Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has been one of the most vocal opponents of the US and Israeli attacks on Iran, describing them as "reckless" and "illegal". Earlier in March, Sánchez

said Spain had denied the US use of the two jointly run military bases at Rota and Morón, both in Andalusia. Last Wednesday, he also announced that "all flight plans that involved actions related to the operation in Iran were rejected - every single one of them, including

those of refuelling aircraft." "We are a sovereign country that does not wish to take part in illegal wars," he said. Some US bombers involved in operations in Iran are stationed at the RAF Fairford base in Gloucestershire in the UK, after Sir Keir Starmer announced on 1 March that the UK had agreed to the request from the US. Planes taking off from there will be forced to bypass much of the Iberian peninsula - either by flying over the eastern Atlantic or over France. Spanish newspaper El País reported that aircraft would only be able to transit through Spain's airspace or land at the bases in case of emergency.

RUSSIA EXPELS BRITISH DIPLOMAT OVER SPYING ALLEGATIONS



Russia has ordered a British diplomat to leave the country over allegations of spying, the latest in a series of expulsions of embassy staff from both sides. The Federal Security Service (FSB) claims the man provided false information when applying to enter the country, as well as trying to obtain sensitive information during informal economic meetings, according to state media reports. The diplomat has had their accreditation revoked and has been ordered to leave the country within two weeks. A UK Foreign Office spokesman called the move "complete nonsense" and accused Russia of an "aggressive and coordinated campaign of harassment against British diplomats". In a statement, they said Russia has been "pumping out malicious and completely baseless accusations about their work". "The UK does not stand for intimidation of British embassy staff and their families," they added. The FSB claims the diplomat "intentionally provided false information" when obtaining a permit to enter Russia, and that there

were "signs of intelligence activities" detected, according to state news agency Tass. His name has also been shared in Russian state media. Following the expulsion, the UK's charge d'affaires Danae Dholakia was summoned to the Russian Foreign Ministry, which she reportedly left without comment. This is just the latest in what is a series of tit-for-tat responses from Russia and the UK. Diplomatic relations between the UK and Russia have worsened in recent years, with both countries expelling a number of each other's diplomats since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Earlier this year, Russia expelled a British diplomat from the country over spying allegations. In March 2025, Russia expelled two British officials over accusations of spying, with the UK Foreign Office accusing Moscow of "malicious and baseless accusations" against its staff. The UK, in response, revoked accreditation for a Russian diplomat and a diplomatic spouse, saying it would "not stand for intimidation of British embassy staff and their families".



Three Lebanese journalists killed in Israeli strike

Latin Patriarch will have access to Jerusalem holy site after police stopped entry

Israel's prime minister has said the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem will now have "full and immediate access" to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, after police earlier prevented him from celebrating Palm Sunday Mass there. Benjamin Netanyahu said Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, who is head of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, had been asked not to enter the church out of concern for his safety. He said Iran had repeatedly targeted Jerusalem's holy sites with ballistic missiles. The decision to block the cardinal from entering Christianity's most sacred site had been criticised by several Western nations. On Sunday Cardinal Pizzaballa and the Reverend Francesco Jelpo were stopped outside the church,



believed to be the site of Jesus Christ's crucifixion, as they were planning to hold a Mass to mark the start of Holy Week, Church authorities said. Cardinal Pizzaballa's office said it was "the first time in centuries" a Latin Patriarch had been turned away from the holy site on Palm Sunday, which marks Christ's return to Jerusalem.

Carlos Sainz Leads F1 Drivers' Call For Safety Changes After Oliver Bearman's Japanese GP Crash

Formula 1 drivers called for changes to protect their safety after Haas's Ollie Bearman slammed into a barrier at high speed at Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix. The 20-year-old avoided serious injury after spinning off the track midway through the race, although he was limping heavily as he was helped off the course by stewards. Sweeping new energy-saving regulations in Formula One this year mean cars can be travelling at drastically different speeds on the track at the same time. Bearman was moving at high speed as he approached the slower Franco Colapinto and had to take evasive action to avoid hitting him. Williams driver Carlos Sainz called on racing authorities to make sure there was no repeat of the incident. "As drivers, we have been extremely vocal that the problem is not only qualifying, it's also racing, and we were warning this type of accident was always going to happen," said the Spaniard. "Here we were



lucky there was an escape road - now imagine going to Baku, Singapore, Las Vegas and having this type of closing speeds, crashes next to the walls." Motorsport governing body the FIA said after the race that "a structured review would take place after the opening phase of the season". "Any potential adjustments, particularly those related to energy management, require careful simulation

and detailed analysis," the FIA said in a statement. An X-ray revealed that Bearman had not suffered any fracture in the crash and he was cleared at the Suzuka track's medical centre. He said he was "absolutely fine". "It's a part of these new regulations that I guess we have to get used to, but also I felt like I wasn't really given much space given the huge excess speed that I was carrying,"

said the British driver. "I think we've as a group warned the FIA what can happen, and this has been a really unfortunate result of a massive delta speed that we've never seen before in F1 until these new regulations." Four-time world champion Max Verstappen suggested he could quit Formula 1 at the end of the season after enduring another frustrating race on Sunday in Japan. The Red

Bull driver finished eighth in Suzuka, ending his four-year reign as Japanese Grand Prix champion in ruthless fashion. He told the BBC that he was "not enjoying the whole formula behind" this season's championship, which has brought in sweeping new regulations. "You just think about, is it worth it?" he said. "Or do I enjoy being more at home with my family? Seeing my friends more when you're not enjoying your sport?" Verstappen has repeatedly railed against the new regulations, that see a 50-50 split between conventional and electrical power. He labelled his car "undrivable" after qualifying in a lowly 11th for the Japan race. When asked if he could walk away from the sport, he replied that he was "thinking about everything inside this paddock". "It's really anti-driving. Then at one point, yeah, it's just not what I want to do," he said. "And of course you can look at it and make a lot of money. Great.

Tiger Woods' Partner Threatens To Leave Him After Car Crash, Ultimatum Given

A global sporting icon, Tiger Woods has been issued a stern warning by his partner, Venessa Trump, after the golfer was arrested for DUI (Driving Under the Influence) following a car crash. Tiger has reportedly been given a "final warning" by Venessa about changes he must make to his lifestyle, or she will decide to leave him. According to a report, Venessa was furious to see Tiger detained by police for about eight hours at Martin County Jail before being released on bail. The Daily Mail quoted an insider as saying that Venessa has drawn a clear line for Tiger, and another repeat offence could be the end of their relationship. "It's a definite red flag, and she told him that he's going to get this sorted out and that she's going to require that. He has to get things under control, or she's not going to stick around," the insider was quoted as saying. "They are good together as they both have golf in their lives. That propels the romance in a certain



sense," another insider said. "Still, it is not without its challenges. She does all she can, but some of it is out of her hands." While the two certainly share some common traits, the relationship reportedly hasn't been without challenges. An insider added: "They are an intense couple. It's serious, but Tiger has yet to look in the mirror and say, 'You're 50 years old and need to act

like it." Donald Trump on Tiger Woods US President Donald Trump also shared his thoughts on Tiger's crash, expressing concern for the golf legend. "I feel so badly. He's got some difficulties," Trump told reporters at a Miami airport tarmac. "There was an accident, that's all I know. He's a very close friend of mine. He's an amazing person, amazing man, but some difficulties."

Mahieka Sharma Goes To Fight With Paps To Protect Hardik Pandya's Son Agastya

Mumbai Indian skipper Hardik Pandya's girlfriend Mahieka Sharma rose up as a protector for the cricketer's on Agastya after the franchise's opening Indian Premier League (IPL) match against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on Sunday. Mahieka wasn't happy seeing too many photographers surrounding her and Agastya as the two walked towards their car, after exiting the stadium. Mahieka could even be seen warning photographers to not click pictures as the flashes from camera were hurting Agastya's eyes. "No lights, no flashes," she could be heard saying in a video that has emerged on social media. She even asked Agastya a few times if he was ok, warn-



ing photographers against flashing lights again. Some people even crowded the way towards the car, prompting Mahieka to say "raasta de do (please give way)". Hardik Pandya in awe of Mahieka Sharma, Hardik gave Mahieka a big credit for the positive changes in his life as the Indian team successfully defended the T20 World Cup

title last month. "I had been saying the same thing from the beginning that we are going to win. I already knew that we were champions and that we would come back with this trophy. I even told Mahieka the same thing, 'Don't worry, we've got this.' I want to play for the team for another ten years and win ten more titles. And I honestly want to say one thing:

ever since Mahieka came into my life, everything has been going right. There has been win after win." Working as both an actress and a model, Mahieka Sharma has established a versatile career spanning music videos, independent cinema, and high-profile commercial campaigns for brands including Tanishq, Uniqlo, and Vivo. Her presence in the fashion industry is equally notable, having walked the runway for premier designers such as Manish Malhotra, Tarun Tahiliani, and Anita Dongre. Beyond her creative pursuits, she holds an academic background in Economics and Finance and is known for her relationship with cricketer Hardik Pandya.

CSK CEO Delivers Big MS Dhoni-Sanju Samson Update, Remark Triggers Buzz

As Chennai Super Kings (CSK) prepare for their opening game of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season, the clash against Rajasthan Royals (RR) also offers the team a glimpse into the future. Samson was brought by CSK in a trade deal with RR before the IPL auction. For the franchise, Samson's recruitment isn't only an attempt to solve a current problem but also the future, as MS Dhoni's potential long-term successor. Ahead of the match against the Royals, Super Kings CEO Kasi Vishwanathan dropped a big update on Dhoni's unavailability for the opener, confirming



Samson will keep wickets. Since the time Samson was signed by the franchise, speculations over the wicket-keeper's role has been going rife. While it isn't yet known what the situation will be once Dhoni is fit, Samson is going to keep wickets, at the start at least. "See, obviously, Sanju will be

keeping because his MS Dhoni is not going to play. Sanju's form is great and he's been knocking well in the nets also. So we're hoping that he'll give the impact that CSK is looking for during the current season. Of course, we have Ruturaj, who is also capable of taking the team to higher levels, and his

captaincy is one which definitely will lift the team," Vishwanathan said. Vishwanathan also gave a little glimpse into the future, expressing confidence that the wicket-keeper from Kerala is going to be a great bet for the franchise in the future. "As far as Sanju is concerned, we don't want to put any pressure on him because we know his capabilities. I have not spent much time talking to Sanju, as I met him only a couple of days back, and during practice, I would never go and disturb him. I'm very confident that Sanju, with his abilities and his form, will be a great bet for us," he added.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Draws Inspiration From Two Greats Before Facing CSK In IPL 2026

After a historic debut, the prodigious Vaibhav Sooryavanshi returns for his second IPL season with the Rajasthan Royals, aiming to dismantle bowlers and dominate the powerplay. Turning out for RR last season, the 15-year-old played seven matches, scoring 252 runs, including a blistering 35-ball century and maintaining a strike rate exceeding 200 - numbers that established him as the next big thing in Indian cricket. He said that after dominating the powerplay, he aims to value his wicket and push the total towards 200, making it tough for opponents to chase. "When I was picked, my only goal was to give the team a good start. I wanted to play my game in the powerplay, and if I got a good start, I wanted to continue



and play long without giving my wicket away," Sooryavanshi told JioStar. "I knew that if I played my shots, the scenario of the game would change, because chasing 200-plus runs would not be easy for any team. This season, the goal is to win the trophy for the team. My performances and the team's performances will automatically get highlighted if we win the trophy, and

that is the most important thing," said the youngest IPL debutant, who also smashed 175 in the 2026 U-19 World Cup final earlier this year. Sooryavanshi revealed that the two cricketers he admired most while growing up were West Indies legend Brian Lara and India's World Cup-winning great Yuvraj Singh - one renowned for crafting match-winning Test innings and the other for decimating opposition bowlers with fearless strokeplay. "I saw both Brian Lara and Yuvraj Singh finish matches single-handedly. If they were in, there was no chance for the opponent to come back into the game, and that was something I really liked about them. I made a lot of runs in domestic cricket for Bihar, in league games and probables," he said.

SINNER RAISES ALCARAZ STAKES WITH HISTORIC 'SUNSHINE DOUBLE'

Jannik Sinner creating a moment of history by adding the Miami Open title to his Indian Wells victory will certainly not have escaped Carlos Alcaraz's notice. Sinner, 24, became the first man to complete what is known as the 'Sunshine Double' - scooping both trophies on the hard courts in California and Florida - without dropping a set. The imperious nature of the Italian's 6-4 6-4 win over Czech 21st seed Jiri Lehecka in a rain-interrupted Miami final was another illustration of how far Sinner and Alcaraz remain ahead of the chasing pack. It was also a reminder for Alcaraz - not that he needed one - how he must continue to find ways to further improve if he is



able to maintain his current status as the leading player on the men's tour. World number two Sinner has now won his past 34 sets at Masters events, enabling him to join Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal as the only men to claim three consecutive titles in the tier of tournaments below the Grand Slams. Securing another triumph

in Miami helped Sinner close the gap on Alcaraz, who was beaten in the third round, at the top of the rankings. The gap is down to 1,190 points as the season moves on to the European clay-court swing, where the pair will unquestionably spar again for the biggest prizes given the stratospheric level on which they operate.

BOHS' BRENNAN EARNS FIRST REPUBLIC OF IRELAND CALL-UP



Teenage Bohemians midfielder Aoihe Brennan has earned her first call-up to the Republic of Ireland senior squad for their World Cup 2027 qualifying double-header against Poland in April. The 18-year-old has featured for the Republic of Ireland at under-19 level and has had an impressive start to the Premier Division season with Dublin club Bohs. There are returns to the squad for West Ham's Jess Ziu and Durham's Lily Agg, who is included for the first time since 2024 after recovering from a serious knee injury. Hayley Nolan and Jamie Finn are not included in Carla Ward's 24-strong contingent. The Irish will travel to Gdansk to take on Poland on Tuesday, 14 April before they host the same opponents at the Aviva Stadium four days later. Ward's side are of bottom of Group A2 after falling to narrow defeats against France and the Netherlands in their opening two qualifiers.

Republic of Ireland squad Goalkeepers: Courtney Brosnan (Everton), Sophie Whitehouse (Charlton Athletic), Grace Moloney (Sunderland) Defenders: Katie McCabe (Arsenal), Anna Patten (Aston Villa), Caitlin Hayes (Brighton & Hove Albion), Aoife Mannion (Newcastle United), Jessie Stapleton (Nottingham Forest - loan), Chloe Mustaki (Nottingham Forest) Midfielders: Denise O'Sullivan (Liverpool), Tyler Toland (Durham), Megan Connolly (Lazio), Marissa Sheva (Sunderland), Lucy Quinn (Birmingham City), Ruesha Littlejohn (Crystal Palace), Jess Ziu (West Ham), Lily Agg (Durham), Aoihe Brennan (Bohemians) Attackers: Saoirse Noonan (Celtic), Abbie Larkin (Crystal Palace), Leanne Kiernan (Nottingham Forest - loan), Emily Murphy (Newcastle United), Kyra Carusa (Kansas City Current - loan), Amber Barrett (Strasbourg).

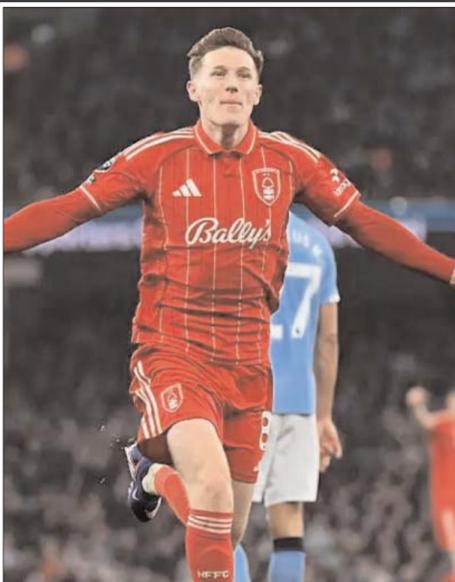
SHADES OF GASCOIGNE - THE RISE OF ENGLAND'S ANDERSON

Four years ago Elliot Anderson was helping Bristol Rovers win promotion from League Two. Since then his stock has continued to rise and this could be a defining year, with Anderson tipped to star for England at this summer's World Cup. The Nottingham Forest midfielder has quickly become a key man for England boss Thomas Tuchel, starting five of the past seven games - just three years after being called up by Scotland. He is due to face Japan at Wembley on Tuesday - after being rested for the game against Uruguay - as England's final countdown to this summer's

World Cup begins. Maturing to become one of Premier League top performers Anderson, 23, was eligible to play for Scotland due to his Glasgow-born grandmother and was selected by Steve Clarke for their Euro 2024 game with Cyprus. He pulled out injured before opting for England - and then helped the Three Lions win the European Under-21 Championship last summer. Liverpool's Harvey Elliott was named player of the tournament, scoring six goals including the opener in the final win over Germany, but Anderson also stood out and was picked in the best XI. Anderson featured along-

side Bournemouth's Alex Scott in midfield to provide England with a solid foundation - and the Forest player's tireless running was particularly impressive in the 3-1 quarter-final win over Spain. His injury-time penalty eased England into the semi-finals, where they beat the Netherlands, before defending their title in Bratislava. The summer was to be another platform for Anderson as he continued his form into Forest's chaotic season. Despite four managers and the club sitting 16th, embroiled in a Premier League relegation battle, he has been a consistent presence. In the crucial 3-0 win at

Tottenham, which moved Forest three points above the drop zone, Anderson created the most chances (three), completed more passes (38), won possession the most (nine) and made more tackles (six) than any of his teammates. He has impressed staff with his commitment and regularly talks to the coaches to discuss the best way he can improve and contribute to improve the team. His positional awareness has also earned praise although his work-rate and desire to cover as much ground as possible mean he often tires himself out - a potential backhanded compliment.



Cinematic Titans Salman Khan, Vamshi Paidipally and Dil Raju join hands for a high octane action drama

In a landmark announcement that has instantly set the industry abuzz, Salman Khan, Vamshi Paidipally and Dil Raju took to social media to unveil their first ever collaboration. The film is set to go on floors next month. Bollywood superstar Salman Khan is all set to lead an ambitious new action drama that brings him together for the first time with acclaimed filmmaker Vamshi Paidipally and celebrated producer Dil Raju of Sri Venkateswara Creations. The announcement of this high-powered collaboration has already ignited immense excitement among fans and within the industry. The trio unveiled the project on social media, instantly positioning it as one of the biggest cinematic events slated for 2027. Planned as a grand theatrical spectacle, the film is scheduled to go on floors in April.

Director Vamshi Paidipally, known for his ability to strike a perfect balance between emotion and grandeur has consistently delivered impactful entertainers. Riding on a



strong track record. Having collaborated with leading stars across industries including Prabhas, Jr. NTR, Mahesh Babu, Ram Charan, Allu Arjun and Vijay, Vamshi has

established himself as a filmmaker with both range and mass appeal. His National Award winning film Maharshifurther stands as a testament to his vision. On the produc-

tion front, Dil Raju continues to back yet another ambitious project under Sri Venkateswara Creations. With over 60 films and a strong mix of content driven and com-

mercial successes, his banner has built a reputation for delivering films that connect widely. His National Award wins for Maharshi and Shatamanam Bhavati further underline that credibility. For Salman Khan, this marks a fresh collaboration with both Vamshi Paidipally and Dil Raju. Over the years, he has been at the centre of some of the biggest commercial entertainers in Indian cinema from Dabangg and Kick to Bajrangi Bhaijaan, Sultan and the Tiger franchise. With this film, there is clear curiosity around what new space the story will explore for him. Director Vamshi Paidipally and producer Dil Raju share a proven track record, having collaborated on five successful films- each emerging as a blockbuster. With Salman's massive screen presence, Vamshi's signature storytelling, and Dil Raju's grand cinematic sensibilities, this film is poised to deliver a powerful big-screen experience. With production set to begin next month, the makers are expected to unveil more updates very soon.

"Carmeni Selvam" Creates a New Wave in the Music Industry: Music Director Ramanujan

"Carmeni Selvam" is a Heart-Touching Film: Music Director Ramanujan

"Carmeni Selvam" is a bilingual film made in Telugu and Tamil under the Pathway Productions banner, produced by Arun Rangarajulu and directed by Ram Chakri. The film features versatile actor Samuthirakani in the lead role, with Gautham Vasudev Menon playing a key role. Other important cast members include Lakshmi Priya, Abhinaya, Karthik Kumar, Badava Gopi, Kothandam, Karan Chakravarthy, Shankara Narayanan V, and Haritha Parakod. The film's music has been composed by Ramanujan MK through his company Musiccloud Studio & Technology under the concept of "Music as a Service." The already released song "Arere" has emotionally connected with audiences. The film is set for a grand theatrical release on April 3 in both Telugu and Tamil, distributed by PVR INOX Pictures. Speaking on this occasion, music director Ramanujan MK shared insights about the film: "We wanted the credit for composing music for a film to go not just to an individual, but to an organization. That's why I started Musiccloud Studio & Technology in Bengaluru in



2017. Initially, we took up corporate projects and gradually improved our capabilities. Later, we began collaborating with media companies, offering services like sound design, voice-overs, and dubbing. Now, we are ready to release 'Carmeni Selvam.' For this film, instead of an individual music director's name, we have credited Musiccloud Studio & Technology under the 'Music as a Service' model. Film production costs are increasing day by day, and to support good content, it's essential to reduce

expenses. One way to do that is by cutting down music production costs, which is what we planned for this project. Through this service, a revenue model has been created between producers and Musiccloud Studio. Under this model, everyone involved in the process, sound engineers, instrumentalists, programmers receives a share in the royalties. We are introducing a corporate structure into music production, which can be seen as a new wave in the film music industry.

Earlier, I worked with director Ram on the film 'Kurai Ondrum Illai,' starring Amrutha Srinivasan. Now, I got the opportunity to compose music for an emotional family film like 'Carmeni Selvam.' Meeting director Ram Chakri was a turning point in my life. For this film, I composed four songs, background score, and OST tracks. It was a team effort, with 4-5 members from our Music Cloud team working together. Music is never an individual effort; it's always teamwork. The song 'Arere Arere' is receiving a great response in Telugu. It appears in a father-son emotional sequence. Instead of using violin or flute, we chose to use the sarangi, which enhanced the emotional depth.

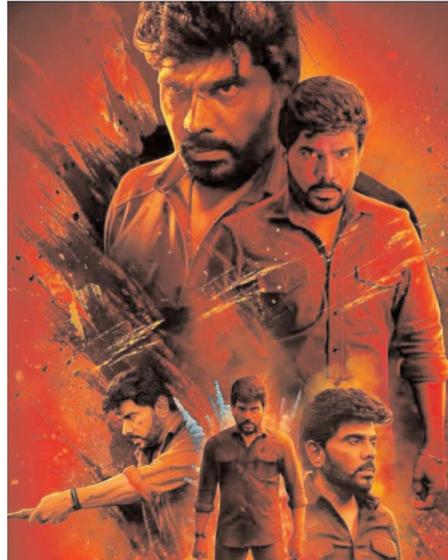
PRIYA PRAKASH SETS RIVER SIDE ON FIRE



Priya Prakash Varrier first became a nationwide sensation with her viral wink, and since then, she has carefully built a unique image that blends glamour with creativity. From experimenting with dreamy concepts like saree-in-the-pool shoots to capturing aesthetic frames around water, she seems to have a clear fascination for mixing natural elements with bold styling. That signature touch has made her social media presence stand out, giving every photoshoot a distinct visual identity. In her latest pictures, she takes that obsession a step further, posing

gracefully on a rock beside flowing water. Dressed in an elegant off-shoulder top with deep red floral patterns paired with a sleek black skirt, she brings a mix of softness and intensity to the frame. The way the fabric drapes around her, combined with the calm yet powerful flow of the water, creates a striking contrast. Her relaxed pose, slightly wet hair, and subtle expressions add a poetic charm, making the entire look feel sensual yet artistic, like a moment frozen between nature and emotion. On the work front, Priya is now stepping into the OTT space with her debut web series Cousins and Kalyanam in Malayalam.

The action trailer of talented actor Legend Saravanan's film "Leader" has been released, and the movie is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on April 3



"Leader" is the latest film starring Legend Saravanan in the lead role. It is being produced on a grand scale by Legend Saravana Stores Productions. The film is directed by R. S. Durai Senthil Kumar, with Payal Rajput playing the female lead. The movie is all set for a grand theatrical release on April 3. The teaser released earlier has already received a huge response, and today, the makers unveiled the

action trailer. Talking about the trailer, it opens with a massive action sequence set on a train. A powerful dialogue, "In this world, God does not directly help anyone; all good happens through humans, and we must believe in him" reflects the protagonist's mindset and philosophy. High-voltage action episodes set in a train, port area, and forest showcase the film's grand scale and production values.

THIS BEAUTY IS THE TRUE MALDIVES QUEEN

The one and only Maldives queen is this Tollywood beauty, Pragya Jaiswal, and she keeps proving why that tag fits her so well. While most people wait for summer to hit beach spots, she is already there, living that island life again and again. Her Maldives diaries never really stop, and every time she drops pictures, it feels like a fresh dose of vacation goals. This time though, she switched things up a

bit and went for a sleek ruched black look instead of the usual bright bikinis. The outfit hugs her body neatly, with the gathered detailing adding that extra shape and softness. It is simple, but not boring at all. The fit sits perfectly along her frame, and the way it falls gives a clean, elegant vibe. Paired with minimal styling, straight hair, and a small chic handbag, she kept it classy while still making sure all eyes stay on her.



War impacts Shah Rukh Khan's film shoot in Dubai: Report

Shah Rukh Khan's much-awaited film 'King' has run into a sudden change in its shooting plans. The team has cancelled its Dubai schedule due to rising tensions in West Asia, putting safety first for the cast and crew. Why Dubai Shoot Was Cancelled The film, directed by Siddharth Anand, was supposed to film a major desert action sequence in Dubai starting April 9. The team had already received all permissions for the shoot. However, due to the ongoing geopolitical situation in the region, the makers decided not to take any risks. The safety of actors like Suhana Khan and Anil Kapoor, along with the crew, became the top priority. According to Mid-Day, the team had already secured permissions for the shoot. A source told the publication, "The team had procured the necessary permissions to shoot in the emirate. It was supposed to

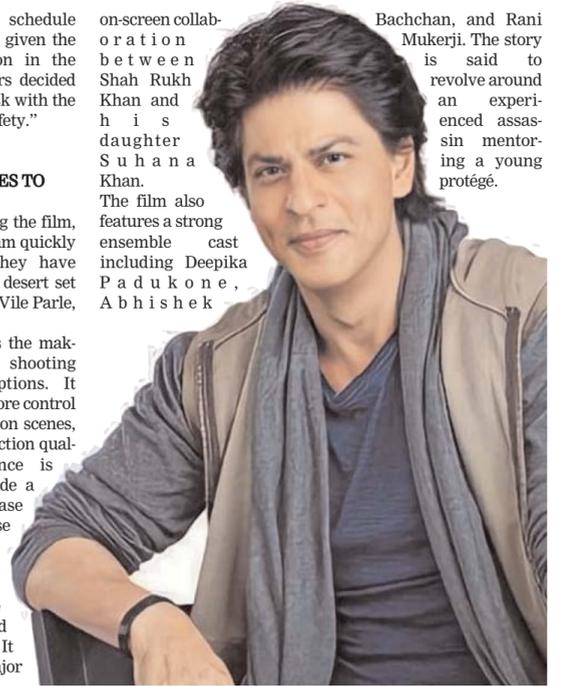
be a week-long schedule from April 9. But given the dynamic situation in the region, the makers decided not to take any risk with the cast and crew's safety."

NEW PLAN, SHOOTING MOVES TO MUMBAI

Instead of delaying the film, the production team quickly shifted plans. They have now built a large desert set inside a studio in Vile Parle, Mumbai. This move allows the makers to continue shooting without interruptions. It also gives them more control over lighting, action scenes, and overall production quality. The sequence is expected to include a high-energy chase followed by intense combat scenes. Big Film, Bigger Expectations 'King' is one of the most anticipated Bollywood films. It marks the first major

on-screen collaboration between Shah Rukh Khan and his daughter Suhana Khan. The film also features a strong ensemble cast including Deepika Padukone, Aishwarya

Bachchan, and Rani Mukerji. The story is said to revolve around an experienced assassin mentoring a young protégé.



Ustaad Bhagat Singh OTT: When to stream Pawan Kalyan's actioner



The much-anticipated collaboration between Power Star Pawan Kalyan and director Harish Shankar, titled Ustaad Bhagat Singh, is officially moving to digital streaming. Following its theatrical debut on March 19, 2026, the mass action entertainer is scheduled to arrive on Netflix. While the film generated significant hype due to the duo's previ-

ous success with Gabbar Singh, its box office performance was hindered by stiff competition. Digital giant Netflix secured the streaming rights for the film prior to its theatrical release. Although there was initial speculation regarding an April 16 or 17 premiere, recent updates confirm that the movie will likely begin streaming on April 23, 2026.